THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a)

Qty. : Million Tonnes
c.i.f. Value : Rs./Crores

	Kerosene		
	Indigenous Production	Imports	
	Qty.	Qty.	value
1985-86 (Estimated)	4·16	2·09	680·50

(b) This is of the order of Rs. 500 crores.

(c) The steps include expansion of the existing network of Kerosene LDO dealers particularly at Taluka/Tehsil levels. State Governments, have also been advised to take stern action against all those indulging in malpractices like hoarding and black marketing in the sale of Kerosene.

(d) To raise additional resources for the plan and to curtail the outgo of foreign exchange on imports.

Delay in sending electricity bills in Government colonies in Delhi

*114. SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the electricity bills in the Government colonies in Delhi are not sent for years together;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what is the number of cases in which electricity bills were not sent formore than two years during the last three years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the electricity bills in Pushp Vihar, (M. B. Road) have not been sent for more than four years;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (f) According to DESU, normally it takes three to four months to send the first electricity consumption charges bill. In fact, from May 15, 1985, a new procedure has been introduced, *inter alia*, to ensure rendering of first bills within two to three months of the energisation of a connection. Isolated cases of late billing which might occur in fast developing colonies such as those in the trans-Yamuna areas, are rectified as soon as possible. DESU has also recently increased the number of Districts from 15 to 20 so that adequate attention is paid to consumers in the outlying colonies. Further, DESU is installing its own computer system, with terminals in all District Offices which is expected to improve the billing system by replacing the present manual operations.

(c) to (e) DESU is launching a drive involving door to door chacking in the Pushp Vihar Government employees colony to ascertain and ensure that consumers receive their bills regularly and are not inconvenienced in making payments.

Exemption of some industries from the M.R.T.P. Act

*115. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ:
SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that Government have exempted hoteliering and

shipping industries from the provisions of the MRTP Act.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names of the other industries which have so far been taken out of the ambit of the MRTP Act as part of the liberalisation programme?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) and (b) Shipping Industry and Hotel Industry have been exempted by Government in exercise of power contained in Section 22A of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969. Exemption in the case of Shipping Industry has been allowed Primary for the reason that this Industry is capital intensive in nature and is prone to risks. As regards Hotel Industry, the exemption has been granted mainly on the ground that additional rooms in the approved Hotel Sector, involving substanial investment, would be required in the coming years.

(c) Names of industries/services exempted so far under Section 22A of Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 are given in notificaions No. S. O. 408(E) dated 22-5-1985 and S. O. 65(E) dated 21|2|1986. Copies of these notifications have been laid on the Table of the House.

Computer-controlled telephone network

*116. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of new technology developed by M|s. Philips and Ericsson to establish com-puter-controlled telephone networks with base stations and automatic mobile system; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Catalogue information of the Philips and Ericsson Mobile Systems is available.

(b) These are Cellular Radio Mobile Telephone systems with facility for providing communication from a mobile telephone to the Public Telephone Network. The Mobile Telephone can. for example, be in a moving motor car.

Further increase of coal price

*117. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to further increase the prices of coal;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the extent of raise in the prices proposed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise

Oil refineries set up by private sector

*118. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to permit the private sector companies to set up oil refineries in the country;